Deadline for modernization of non-metro airports

1109. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure had given its nod for the modernization of 35 non-metro airports by Airports Authority of India (AAI);

(b) if so, whether the Cabinet Committee decided any deadline to complete the modernization process;

(c) the details of progress of modernization in each airport;

(d) whether it is a fact that the process of modernization is too slow and creating hurdles in the expansion of civil aviation sector; and

(e) if so, the steps proposed by Government to see that the process of modernization completes in specific schedule?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, the traget date for completion of modernization process is March, 2010.

(c) New Terminal buildings expandable on modular basis are being constructed at Ahmedabad, Amritsar, Aurangabad, Agatti, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Chandigarh, Dehradun, Goa, Jaipur, Lucknow, Indore, Khajuraho, Madurai, Mangalore, Port Blair, Ranchi, Raipur, Rajkot, Trivandrum, Trichy, Udaipur, Varanasi and Vishakhapatnam airports. Modification/ expansion of existing Terminal Buildings is being undertaken at airports in Agra, Agartala, Coimbatore, Dimapur, Guwahati, Imphal, Jammu, Nagpur, Patna, Pune and Vadodara.

Airside works including expansion and strengthening of runway for wide bodied aircraft operations, extension/new construction of Apron for more parking of aircrafts, link taxiways and parallel taxi tracks are being taken up at these airports as per requirement. At 24 of these airports, cityside development through Public Private Partnership is being undertaken. Bids for prequalification have been received for Amritsar and Udaipur airports.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Proposal for airport for each districts in the country

†1110. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to get their airports constructed by the private companies for infrastructure development of the airports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is also considering to construct one airport in every district of the country; and

(d) if so, the districts in which there is a plan to construct the airports in the first phase?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (d) To meet the growing demand of civil aviation, airport infrastructure is being augmented all over the country. The extant policy promotes private investments for it. Government has allowed 100% Foreign Direct Investment in such projects. Government has not identified specific districts for setting up of greenfield projects.

Facility of internet boarding

1111. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that facility of internet boarding has been started by almost all the airlines due to which the waiting time at the airport can be saved;

(b) if so, what are the rules for taking this boarding card;

(c) whether the boarding pass issued through internet is accepted by the security persons or it will have to be reissued at the airport?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) Air India has introduced web check-in facility for flights departing from Mumbai only. However, the actual boarding pass is issued at the airport on furnishing the internet chek-in receipt and ticket by the passenger. Air India's domestic division (erstwhile Indian Airlines) has introduced internet check-in facility for domestic sector and for only those passengers having e-ticket or net ticket. Passengers can use this as boarding pass. However, they are required to produce photo ID-card for identification. Besides, amongst private scheduled airlines, Jet Airways, Kingfisher Airlines, Spicejet and Indigo have started the facility of internet booking and passenger can print the boarding card through internet from 48 hours and upto two hours of scheduled departure.

Development of Jabalpur airport

†1112. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact the the State Government of Madhya Pradesh has alloted land free of cost for development of Jabalpur airport;

(b) whether development works like terminal building, night landing facility etc. have been completed after allotment of land; and

(c) if not, the present status and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The land was provided for runway extension from 4500 ft. to 6400 ft. and for construction of a new terminal building. These works have already been completed. Night landing facility is being provided.

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